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Dear Lake Highlands YMCA Facility Member,

Thank you for being a valued member of the Lake Highlands YMCA and the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas. In January we celebrated our 20th anniversary of operating in the current facility. *I am excited to announce we have kicked off a year-long renovation and expansion project that will update existing areas at the branch, add more than 15,000 square feet and serve more families in the community.*

The project will be broken into three phases in order to keep the branch operational during construction. The first phase of our project, our newly renovated indoor six lane lap pool is slated to open by June 1, 2020. The new pool will allow us to expand water fitness classes, swim lessons and swim team in addition to offering more options for lap swim and recreational swimming. The three closest YMCAs in Dallas with indoor pools, T Boone Pickens, Moody and Semones (formerly Town North) YMCAs, are currently available for all Lake Highlands members who want to swim, take water fitness classes or enroll in swim lessons during this transition. Our swim team is currently hosted at Semones YMCA. We anticipate that member priority registration for summer swim lessons at Lake Highlands YMCA will begin March 1, 2020.

Phase 2, our expansion phase, which begins in March and be completed in the fall, includes adding over 15,000 square feet. The additional space will include a new 7500 square foot wellness/fitness center, two large group fitness studios, a community room and a new lobby and entrance. New parking will be almost double the spaces in order to accommodate a growing membership. Phase 3, renovations of the existing Y, begins early October and will provide a dedicated state of the art cycle room with immersive technology, a larger Childwatch room, a new playground with more seating and congregation areas, and a new administrative office suite. The gym and locker rooms will also be updated. The updates are expected to be complete by the end of 2020. **Throughout the project, the YMCA will remain open for operation.**

In addition, our local Branch Board of Managers, key stakeholders and leadership staff are launching a \$1 million Capital Campaign to fund a new outdoor family pool. If funded, we anticipate the outdoor pool would be available for the Summer 2021 season.

The expanded facilities will allow us to add a variety of new youth and teen programs, a vastly increased group exercise schedule, more health and social opportunities for seniors along with providing more events and activities for the whole family.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me in person, by phone at 214-221-9622 or by email at bhaines@ymcadallas.org. **Attached are some questions and answers that will be helpful to you in learning options related to alternative pool use as well general information about the expansion and renovations.**

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Lake Highlands YMCA Swimming Options and Expansion/Renovations Question and Answers

What is closing and for how long?

During this project, the branch will remain operational. The only closing is our indoor pool which is slated to reopen June 1. The indoor pool will be renovated into a 6-lane pool which will allow us to expand all our aquatics programs offered to our membership plus add additional programs.

How can I continue/begin lap swimming, water fitness classes and swim lessons during this renovation period?

The three closest YMCAs in Dallas with indoor pools, the T Boone Pickens, Moody and Semones (formerly Town North) YMCAs, will be available for all Lake Highlands members who want to swim, take water aerobics or enroll in swim lessons during this transition.

Normally, Silver Sneakers and Renew Active members can only use Lake Highlands YMCA. Those members will be accepted at the YMCAs above during our pool renovation period.

What is happening to swim team during the pool renovation period?

Our swim team will stay operational and will practice at the Semones YMCA until our new pool opens at the beginning of summer 2020.

How can I find out times, days and other information on aquatic programs at the other YMCAs?

We will have flyers available at the Lake Highlands YMCA front desk beginning Monday afternoon. Our web page will be updated to have links directing you to the other YMCA aquatics web pages. You can also check out the T Boone Pickens, Moody and Semones (formerly Town North) YMCA websites directly. In addition, you can also call our front desk staff who will be well versed in all options.

What do I need to do to check in at the other YMCAs?

Just show their front desk staff your membership card and they will scan you in.

What if I can't or don't want to go to another Y location?

We want to help you with your fitness plan. Contact Deb Brackenridge at 214-221-9622 or by email at dbrackenridge@ymcadallas.org to arrange a fitness consultation and we will help find the right workout for you.

How can I find out more information on the expansion and renovation?

Keep an eye on our website for regular updates including construction process photos. We have also begun a monthly newsletter with updates on programs and services in addition to the expansion project. The newsletter will be emailed to members and posted on our website. We strongly encourage all members to give us their current email address and to follow Lake Highlands on Facebook, Instagram and or Twitter.

When will new facilities be available?

The new indoor pool will be open by June 1, 2020. The expansion of the building will be open late September or early October and will consist of an expanded fitness center, two new aerobics studios, a community room and expanded parking. The new cycle studio and Childwatch rooms will be ready by January 1, 2021. The new outdoor pool, if fully funded, would be open for summer 2021.

Will there be a rate increase this year?

Currently, there is no planned rate increase for 2020. At such time a rate increase is deemed necessary a full 30-day notice will be given to members by mail.

What if I have additional questions?

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